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Dear Sir:

I am astounded to read that the law requiring truck drivers to speak English may be gutted. If the need is dropped, how will an officer converse with the truck driver at an accident or traffic infringement? They can drive an 18-wheeler pulling an 8-wheeler trailer of hazardous material without a good command of English?

I am equally appalled to learn that Florida (and others) publishes a driver manual and traffic laws in Spanish. Not only is it an unnecessary expense, but it is also discriminatory against my sons who want to drive trucks. One only speaks Swahili; the other, only Aborigines.

Sincerely,


J. W. Schmalz, Jr.

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